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What is claimed is:

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- 2 encoding the data signal into an encoded data signal,
- wherein the encoded data signal is a first DC-
- 4 balanced signal; and
- 5 spreading the encoded data signal with a spreading code
- 6 to generate an output transmission signal,
- 7 wherein the output transmission signal is a
- 8 second DC-balanced signal.
- 1 2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
- 2 Manchester Code is used to encode the data signal.
- 3 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the encoded data
- 4 signal comprises the data signal and an inversion of the
- 5 data signal.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the encoded data
- 2 signal comprises the data signal and a reversed inversion of
- 3 the data signal.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein each bit in the data
- 2 signal corresponds to two bits in the encoded data signal
- 3 exclusively.
- 1 6. A method for encoding a data signal, comprising
- 2 the steps of:
- 3 spreading the data signal with a spreading code to
- 4 generate a transmission signal, wherein the
- 5 transmission signal corresponds to the data
- 6 signal; and

7 encoding the transmission signal into an output 8 transmission signal, wherein the output 9 transmission signal contains bits, the value of 10 each bit is either a first value or a second value, and the number of bits with the first 11 12 value is equal to the number of bits with the second value in the output transmission signal; 13 wherein the output transmission signal is a DC-balanced 14 15 signal.

- 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the Manchester Code is used to encode the transmission signal.
- 1 8. The method of claim 6 wherein the output 2 transmission signal comprises the transmission signal and an 3 inversion of the transmission signal.
- 9. The method of claim 6 wherein the output transmission signal comprises the transmission signal and a reversed inversion of the transmission signal.
- 1 10. The method of claim 6 wherein each bit in the data 2 signal corresponds to two bits in the encoded data signal 3 exclusively.
- 1 11. A method for encoding a data signal, comprising:
 2 generating a spreading code, wherein the spreading code
 3 contains a direct current (DC) component;
 4 encoding the spreading code into an encoded spreading
 5 code, wherein the encoded spreading code is a
 6 first DC-balanced signal; and

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- 5 spreading the data signal with the encoded spreading
- 8 code to generate an output transmission signal,
- 9 wherein the output transmission signal is a
- 10 second DC-balanced signal.
- 1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the Manchester
- 2 Code is used to encode the spreading code.
- 1 13. The method of claim 11 wherein the encoded
- 2 spreading code comprises the spreading code and an inversion
- 3 of the spreading code.
- 1 14. The method of claim 11 wherein the encoded
- 2 spreading code comprises the spreading code and a reversed
- 3 inversion of the spreading code.
- 1 15. The method of claim 11 wherein each bit in the
- 2 spreading code corresponds to two bits in the encoded
- 3 spreading code exclusively.
- 1 16. The method of claim 11 wherein the spreading code
- 2 is a Barker code, and the sequence of the Barker code is
- $\{1,1,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0\}.$
- 1 17. The method of claim 11 wherein the spreading code
- 2 is a Pseudo random Noise (PN) sequence.
- 1 18. An apparatus for encoding a data signal,
- 2 comprising:
- an encoder for encoding the data signal into an encoded
- 4 data signal and outputting the encoded data
- 5 signal, wherein the encoded data signal is a
- 6 first DC-balanced signal;

- a spreading code generator for outputting a spreading code; and
- 9 a spreader coupling to the spreading code generator and
- the encoder, for spreading the encoded data
- 11 signal according to the spreading code and
- outputting an output transmission signal;
- wherein the output transmission signal is a second DC-
- 14 balanced signal.
- 1 19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the Manchester
- 2 Code is used to encode the data signal.
- 3 20. The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the encoded data
- 4 signal comprises the data signal and an inversion of the
- 5 data signal.
- 1 21. The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the encoded data
- 2 signal comprises the data signal and a reversed inversion of
- 3 the data signal.
- 1 22. The apparatus of claim 18 wherein each bit in the
- 2 data signal corresponds to two bits in the encoded data
- 3 signal exclusively.
- 1 23. The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the two
- 2 corresponding bits in the encoded data signal are the first
- 3 value and the second value respectively if the bit in the
- 4 data signal is the first value, and the two corresponding
- 5 bits in the encoded data signal are the second value and the
- 6 first value respectively if the bit in the data signal is
- 7 the second value.

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The apparatus of claim 18 further comprising: 1 24. 2 a modulator for modulating the output transmission 3 signal using a carrier wave to obtain a modulated 4 signal; and an output device for outputting the modulated signal. 5 1 25. An apparatus for encoding a data signal, 2 comprising: a spreading code generator for outputting a spreading 3 code: 4 5 a spreader coupled to the spreading code generator, for spreading the data signal 6 according 7 spreading code, and outputting a transmission 8 signal; and an encoder coupled to the spreader, for encoding the 9 transmission signal and outputting an output 10 11 transmission signal, wherein the 12 transmission signal contains bits, the value of 13 each bit is either a first value or a second 14 value, and the number of bits with the first 15 value is equal to the number of bits with the 16 second value in the encoded data signal;

1 26. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the Manchester 2 Code is used to encode the data signal.

wherein the output transmission signal is a DC-balanced

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- 27. The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the output transmission signal comprises the transmission signal and an
- 5 inversion of the transmission signal.
- 1 28. The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the output
- 2 transmission signal comprises the transmission signal and a
- 3 reversed inversion of the transmission signal.
- 1 29. The apparatus of claim 25 wherein each bit in the
- 2 transmission signal corresponds to two bits in the output
- 3 transmission signal exclusively.
- 1 30. An apparatus for encoding a data signal,
 2 comprising:
- a spreading code generator for outputting a spreading
- 4 code, wherein the spreading code contains a
- 5 direct current (DC) component;
- 6 an encoder coupling to the spreading code generator,
- for encoding the spreading code and outputting an
- 8 encoded spreading code, wherein the encoded
- 9 spreading code is a first DC-balanced signal;
- 10 a spreader coupled to the encoder, for spreading the
- 11 data signal according to the encoded spreading
- 12 code, and outputting an output transmission
- 13 signal; and
- 14 wherein the output transmission signal is a second DC-
- balanced signal.
- 1 31. The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the Manchester
- 2 Code is used to encode the data signal.

- 1 32. The apparatus of claim 30 wherein the encoded
- 2 spreading code comprises the spreading code and an inversion
- 3 of the spreading code.
- 1 33. The apparatus of claim 30 wherein the encoded
- 2 spreading code comprises the spreading code and a reversed
- 3 inversion of the spreading code.
- 1 34. The apparatus of claim 30 wherein each bit in the
- 2 spreading code corresponds to two bits in the encoded
- 3 spreading code exclusively.
- 1 35. The apparatus of claim 30 wherein the spreading
- 2 code is a Barker code, and the sequence of the Barker code
- 3 is $\{1,1,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0\}$.
- 1 36. The apparatus of claim 35 wherein the encoded
- 2 spreading code comprises an encoded Barker code, and the
- 3 encoded Barker code is obtained by deleting one of the
- 4 fourth, fifth, sixth, eighth, ninth, or eleventh bits of the
- 5 Barker code.
- 1 37. The apparatus of claim 30 wherein the spreading
- 2 code is a Pseudo random Noise (PN) sequence.
- 3 38. The apparatus of claim 30 further comprising:
- 4 a modulator for modulating the output transmission
- 5 signal using a carrier wave to obtain a modulated
- 6 signal; and
- an output device for outputting the modulated signal.